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MINNESOTA BULLETIN 450-4-1

SUBJECT: TCH - SOIL ORGANIC MATTER

Purpose: To provide information on Soil Organic Matter

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Please review the information on the web site listed below, concerning Managing Soil Organic Matter:  
The key to Air and Water Quality.

[http://soils.usda.gov/sqi/soil\\_quality/what\\_is/som.html](http://soils.usda.gov/sqi/soil_quality/what_is/som.html)

This web site gives background information about soil organic matter and the soil conditioning index, which is a tool that will be available in field offices with the next update of the RUSLE2 program. There is some information about the economic value of topsoil and information that may be helpful in addressing the SWAPA concerns as we are doing conservation planning.

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